

*Stated Meeting, November 2, 1894.*

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

A circular from the Executive Committee in honor of Prof. Guido Cora, Turin, Italy, requesting contributions for his twenty-fifth anniversary.

The following societies were reported as having been placed on the list to receive the Society's Proceedings: Société Française de Physique, Redaction de la Melusine, Paris, France; Società Toscana di Scienze Naturali, Il Nuovo Cimento, Pisa, Italy; American Academy of Medicine, Easton, Pa.; American Archæological and Asiatic Association, Nevada, Ia.; Iowa Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; Historical Society of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.; California Historical Society, San Francisco, Cal.; Asociacion de Ingenieros y Arquitectos de México, Mexico; Observatorio Meteorológico Central, Xalapa, Mexico.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Government Geologist, Adelaide, Australia; Congrès Internationaux, Moscow, Russia; Finska Litteratur-Sällskapet, Helsingfors, Finland; R. Societatis Scientiarum, Upsal, Sweden; R. Académie des Sciences, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Mittelschweizerische Geographisch-Kommerzielle Gesellschaft, Aarau, Switzerland; Société Fribourgeoise des Sciences Naturelles, Fribourg, Switzerland; K. K. Militär-Geographisches Institut, Vienna, Austria; Centralbureau der Internationale Erdmessung, K. P. Geodätische Institut, Berlin, Prussia; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden, Prussia; Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany; Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Nürnberg, Bavaria; Verein für Vaterländische Naturkunde in Württemberg, Stuttgart; Ministère des Travaux Publics, Paris, France; Cobden Club, London, England; Islenzka Fornleif af jelags, Reykjavik; Agricultural Experiment Station, Burlington, Vt.; Society of Natural History,

Boston, Mass.; N. H. Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Conn.; Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo, N. Y.; Geological Survey of Pennsylvania, Dr. Bushrod W. James, Messrs. B. S. Lyman, MacCalla & Company, Philadelphia; Comissão Geographica e Geologica, San Paulo, Brazil.

The following decease of members was announced:

Prof. J. A. Froude, London, England, October 20, 1894, æt. 77.

Col. Garrick Mallery, Jr., Washington, D. C., October 25, 1894, æt. 63.

Dr. William Goodell, Philadelphia, October 27, 1894, æt. 65.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint at his leisure a suitable person to prepare the obituary notice of Dr. Goodell.

The consideration of the amendments to the Laws, postponed from the last meeting, came up as the stated business of the Society.

On motion, the consideration of the pending amendments was resumed.

Dr. Greene moved that the further consideration of Articles 1-5 inclusive, Chapter I, be indefinitely postponed, which motion was carried, ayes 16, nays 7.

Sections 6 and 7, Chapter I, were put to a vote and carried as follows:

SECTION 6. Such members as reside within *thirty* miles of the hall of the Society, and such other members as desire to vote at the meetings and elections, shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars, and annually thereafter, on the first Friday of January, a contribution of five dollars. The payment of *one hundred dollars* at one time, by a member not in arrears, shall exempt him from all future annual payments.

SECTION 7. Members-elect, residing within thirty miles of the hall, shall lose the right of membership unless they subscribe the Laws and pay their admission fee within one year after their election. Any member liable to an annual contribution, who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same for the term of two years, shall be notified by the Treasurer in writing, on or before the second Friday in January after such default, that his rights as a member are suspended; and, in case the said arrears, together with the contribution due on the first Friday in January after such notice, shall not be paid to the Treasurer on or before the said last-named day, the membership of such defaulting member shall be forfeited,

his name stricken from the roll, and reported to the Society by the Treasurer.

On motion, Section 5, Chapter II, of the amendments was indefinitely postponed.

The amendments to Chapter VIII as to the Library and the Librarian were referred to the Library Committee.

Chapter IX, Section 3, was amended and carried as follows :

SECTION 3. *Twenty* qualified voters present at any stated or special meeting shall be a quorum, and be competent to elect members, dispose of property, appropriate money, and award premiums ; but no property shall be alienated or encumbered, except by the vote of three-fourths of the qualified voters present, and given at two successive stated meetings. For the transaction of the ordinary business, the reception and reference of communications on literary, scientific or other subjects, the members present shall be deemed competent to act, and, in the absence of qualified voters, shall form a quorum.

Chapter VII, Section 7, was amended and carried as follows :

SECTION 7. The President and Senior Secretary of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, the President and Clerk at their meetings ; and *seven* of their number shall be a quorum.

It was ordered that consideration of the above amendments be made the stated business of the ensuing meeting, copies of the amended regulations to be sent to the members with the meeting notices, with notice that the same will then come up for final adoption.

Mr. Benjamin Smith Lyman read a paper on "Some Coal Measure Sections near Peytona, West Virginia."

Prof. Barker presented a paper entitled "The Atomic Mass of Tungsten," by Prof. Edgar F. Smith and E. D. Desi ; also one on "The Atomic Mass of Tungsten," by Prof. Edgar F. Smith and Mary E. Pennington.

Dr. Alfred C. Stokes presented (through the Secretaries) a paper entitled, "Notices of Presumably Undescribed Infusoria."

On motion of Dr. Greene, it was

*Resolved*, A Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of providing a light collation after each stated meeting of the Society, or at stated intervals, in the Society's rooms, and that the Committee be

given power to act provided no expense be incurred by the Society by such action.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

*Stated Meeting, November 16, 1894.*

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

An invitation from the Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, Berlin, Prussia, to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation, November 17, 1894.

Letters of envoy were received from the Royal Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam, Netherlands; K. Geologische Landesanstalt und Bergakademie, Berlin, Prussia; R. Instituto di Studi Superiori, Firinze, Italia; Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Ministère des Travaux Publics, Paris, France; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Burlington, Vt., Amherst, Mass., Buffalo, N. Y., Ithaca, N. Y., College Park, Md., Raleigh, N. C., Knoxville, Tenn., Agricultural College, Miss., Manhattan, Kans., Brookings, S. Dak.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Universitets-Bibliotheket, Christiania, Norway (144); R. Norwegian Society of Sciences, Thronhjelm (144); K. Zoologisch-Botanisch Genootschap, The Hague, Holland (144); Royal Zoölogical Society (144), Royal Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam, Netherlands (140-142, and Trans., xvii, 3; viii, 1); Musée Teyler, Harlem, Holland (144); Maatschappij van Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden, Holland (144); Anthropologische Gesellschaft (142, 144), K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt (144), Dr. Aristides Brezina (142, 144), Prof. E. Suess, Vienna, Austria (142, 144); Verein für Geographie u. Statistik, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany (140-142); Naturwissenschaftliche Verein des Reg. Bez. Frankfurt-an-der-Oder, Prussia